

I am very concerned to learn that Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation that threaten the public good in this country.

Like many broadcast companies, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, the public gets more of what's good for the company's bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced by some central news bureau far away, it's much more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why this country needs to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. This situation illustrates why the license renewal process must involve far more than a returned postcard. Thank you.